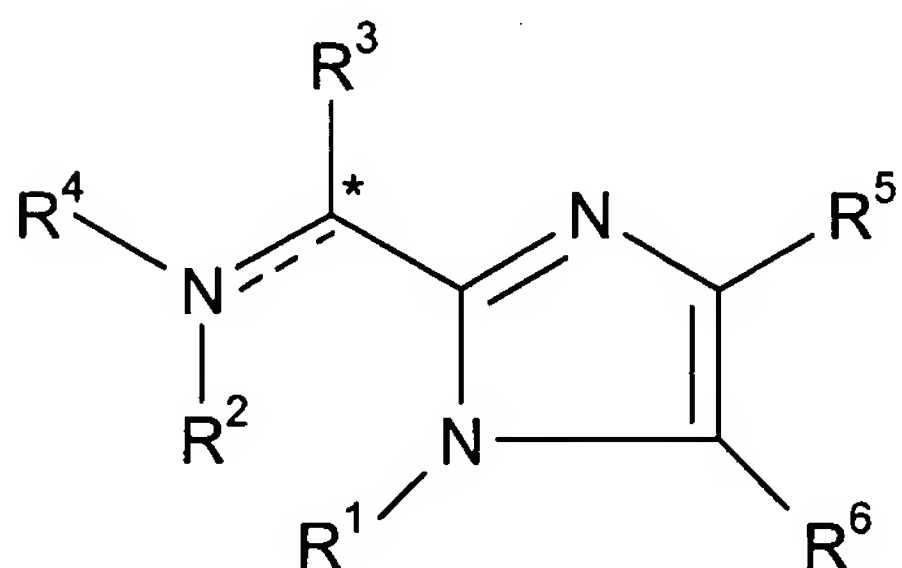


ABSTRACT

The present invention is directed to imidazolyl derivatives or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof which are useful as agonists or antagonists of somatostatin receptors, having the following formula (I),



wherein the substituents are defined in the specification.